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To require the establishment of a research and grant program for the eradication or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic toxins.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

Mr. FAIRCLOTH (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROBB) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pfiesteria Research
5 Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PFIESTERIA AND OTHER AQUATIC TOXINS RE-**
7 **SEARCH AND GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-
9 ronmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Commerce

1 (acting through the Director of the National Marine Fish-
 2 eries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
 3 ministration), the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
 4 ices (acting through the Director of the National Institute
 5 of Environmental Health Sciences and the Director of the
 6 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), and the Sec-
 7 retary of Agriculture shall—

8 (1) establish a research program for the eradi-
 9 cation or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other
 10 aquatic toxins; and

11 (2) make grants to colleges, universities, and
 12 other entities in affected States for the eradication
 13 or control of *Pfiesteria piscicida* and other aquatic
 14 toxins.

15 (b) GRANTS.—In carrying out subsection (a)(2), the
 16 heads of the agencies referred to in subsection (a) shall
 17 make grants to—

18 (1) North Carolina State University in Raleigh,
 19 North Carolina, for the establishment of an Applied
 20 Aquatic Ecology Center and for research conducted
 21 by the Center relating to aquatic toxins;

22 (2) the University System of Maryland and the
 23 Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Mary-
 24 land, for the establishment of a cooperative Agro-
 25 Ecosystem Center for research and demonstration

1 projects related to aquatic toxins, such as *Pfiesteria*
2 piscicida, including projects that relate to dietary,
3 waste management, and other alternative-use related
4 strategies that reduce the undesirable nutrient and
5 other chemical content from waste into waterways;
6 and

7 (3) the Virginia Institute of Marine Science of
8 the College of William and Mary in Gloucester
9 Point, Virginia, for the establishment of a Marine
10 Pathology and Applied Ecology Center and for re-
11 search conducted by the Center relating to the effect
12 of algal toxins on marine fish and shellfish and to
13 understanding human influences on estuarine
14 planktonic communities with an emphasis on harm-
15 ful algal species, except that a portion of the grants
16 made under this paragraph shall be allocated to Old
17 Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, for re-
18 search support.

19 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
20 authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary
21 to carry out this section, of which not less than—

22 (1) \$1,883,619 for fiscal year 1998, and
23 \$655,890 for fiscal year 1999, shall be used to carry
24 out subsection (b)(1);

1 (2) \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1998
2 and 1999 shall be used to carry out subsection
3 (b)(2); and

4 (3) \$1,750,000 for fiscal year 1998, and
5 \$545,000 for fiscal year 1999, shall be used to carry
6 out subsection (b)(3).

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